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SUBJECT: MTAG INDIA: GROW-ON-EXPORTS AND PHULCHAND EXPORTS HAVE NOT EXPORTED SODIUM CYANIDE TO DPRK ACCORDING TO GOI

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Classified By: PolCouns Ted Osius for Reasons 1.4 (B,D)

11. (C) Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) for Disarmament and International Security (DISA) Under Secretary Jayant Khobargade provided a nonpaper to PolOff October 26 in response to requests for information passed to the GOI in June 2007 by Assistant Secretary of State for International Security and Nonproliferation John Rood during the nonproliferation dialogue. Khobargade stated that the same nonpaper had been delivered to the USG in November 2006. He said that nothing had changed on the case, and that the original nonpaper must have gotten "lost in your system."

(Note: Reftel A indicates that Khobargade is correct. Embassy New Delhi received the nonpaper and reported it in November 2006. End note.) Khobargade noted that the Government of India had warned Grow-on-exports to be careful about end-users of Sodium Cyanide, even though that item is not directly controlled by India's Special Chemicals, Organisms, Materials, Equipment and Technologies (SCOMET) list.

12. Begin text of nonpaper:

Reference USG demarches regarding exports by Indian firms Phulchand Exports and Grow-on-exports of Sodium Cyanide to DPRK.

GOI has been regularly sharing information with the USG on cases of possible onward proliferation in the spirit of close and friendly relations and shared objective of preventing proliferation.

Sodium Cyanide is not controlled under India's export control lists. GOI initiated investigations because of USG's concerns. It was found that none of the Indian companies have exported Sodium Cyanide to DPRK in 2005 as apprehended by USG. Grow-on-exports has been sensitized to be careful about the end-users even though Sodium Cyanide does not fall in the India's controlled list items.

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